IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R.BASANT

TUESDAY, THE 14TH AUGUST 2007 / 23RD SRAVANA 1929

Bail Appl..No. 4850 of 2007()

CRIME NO.179/07 OF MANNAR POLICE STATION

: PETITIONER/ACCUSED

SUNIL, AGED 28 YEARS, S/O.KRISHNANKUTTY,
PRANAVAM VEEDU, PERINGILIPPURAM MURI,
ENNAKKADU VILLAGE, CHENGANNUR.

BY ADV. SRI.R.VINOD

RESPONDENTS: COMPLAINANT/STATE

STATE OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY
THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, HIGH COURT OF KERALA,
ERNAKULAM.

BY PUBLIC PROSECUTOR SRI.S.U.NAZER

THIS BAIL APPLICATION HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 14/08/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY PASSED THE FOLLOWING:

R.BASANT, J

B.A.No.4850 of 2007

Dated this the 14th day of August, 2007

ORDER

Application for regular bail. The petitioner faces allegations, inter alia, under Section 308 I.P.C. The crux of the allegations is that on 05.07.07, the petitioner inflicted serious injuries on the victim by splashing acid on her through a syringe. He allegedly wanted her to marry him. She was not willing. Her marriage was otherwise scheduled. On account of this animosity, the petitioner is alleged to have indulged in the culpable conduct on 05.07.07. Name of the petitioner is stated in the F.I.R itself. The petitioner was arrested on 27.07.07. He continues in custody from that date.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is absolutely innocent. At any rate, the petitioner who has remained in custody from 20.07.07 may now be enlarged on bail, submits the learned counsel for the petitioner.

3. The learned Public Prosecutor opposes the application. The learned Public Prosecutor submits that the nature and gravity of the allegations as also the quantum and quality of the data collected, do convey eloquently that the petitioner is not entitled for regular bail at this early stage of investigation. I find merit in the opposition by

the learned Public Prosecutor. Taking all the relevant inputs into account, I am satisfied that the petitioner does not deserve to be enlarged on bail at this early stage of investigation.

This application for regular bail is, in these circumstances, dismissed, but with the observation that the petitioner shall be at liberty to move the courts below or this Court for bail again at a later stage of the investigation - not, at any rate, prior to 25.08.07.

(R.BASANT, JUDGE)

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